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Applicant: NITTA et al. Conf.: 7077

Appl. No.: 09/254,474 Group: 1751

Filed: March 5, 1999 Examiner: L. M. DOUYON

For: DETERGENT PARTICLES, PROCESS FOR
PREPARING THE SAME, AND DETERGENT
COMPOSITION HAVING HIGH BULK DENSITY

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

November 26, 2002

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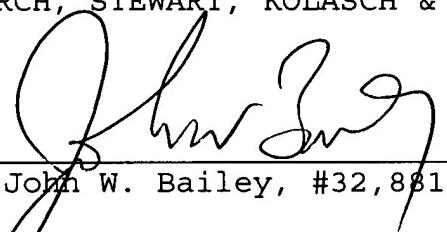
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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated August 27, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 9 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

16. (Twice Amended) A method for producing detergent granules, comprising the step of dry-neutralizing a liquid acid precursor of a non-soap, anionic surfactant with a water-soluble, solid, alkali inorganic substance, wherein a dry-neutralizing step is carried out